



# Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT : Armed Services Medical Regulating

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 5154.6, "Armed Services Medical Regulating Office, " December 23, 1985 (hereby canceled)
  - (b) Public Law 97-174, "**Veterans** Administration and Department of Defense (VA and DoD) Health Resources Sharing and Emergency Operations Act, " May 4, 1982 (38 U. **S.C.** 8110 et seq.)
  - (c) Public Law 100-180, "Transportation on Department of Defense **Aeromedical** Evacuation Aircraft of Certain Veterans Administration Beneficiaries, " December 4, 1987(10 U. **S.C.** 264)
  - (d) Veterans Administration-Department of Defense Cent ingency Planning (National Plan) , May 1983
  - (e) Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration, "Referral of Active Duty Patients to Veterans Administration Medical Facilities, " June 10, 1986

A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive:

1. Reissues reference (a) to update policy and **responsibilities** for Armed Services medical regulating **during** peacetime and contingency (both military and civilian) operations.
2. Transfers the Armed Services Medical Regulating Office (**ASMRO**) to the Commander in Chief, United States Transportation Command (US **CINTRANS** ) , as a direct reporting unit.

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Directive applies to:

1. The Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments (including their National Guard and Reserve components) , the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Unified and Specified Commands, the Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components") , the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (**USPHS**) , and the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) . The term "Military Services, " as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine

Corps, and the Coast Guard (by agreement with the Department of Transportation, when it is not operating under the Department of the Navy).

2. Under mutual agreement, the Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA).

#### C. DEFINITIONS

1. Medical Regulating. A process that selects destination medical treatment facilities (**MTFs**) for Uniformed Services patients being medically evacuated in, between, into, and out of the different theaters of the geographic Unified Commands and the Continental United States (CONUS).

2. Uniformed Services. The Uniformed Services include the Military Services and the Commissioned Corps of the NOAA and of the USPHS.

#### D. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

1. Under the policies of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (**Health Affairs**) (**ASD(HA)**), the **USCINCTrans** shall be the single manager for the implementation of policy and the standardization of procedures and information support systems (ISS) for **inter-theater** medical regulating. The Commanders of the geographic Unified Commands and Specified Commands shall be responsible for intratheater medical regulating and for the Joint Medical Regulating Office (**JMRO**), or surgeon, in their respective theaters.

2. In contingency operations, the **USCINCTrans** shall have the authority to regulate Uniformed Services patients from the supported combat theater directly into the theater MTFs of the other geographic Unified Commands, supporting Specified Commands, or the CONUS. Such regulation shall be based on the medical capability and bed availability information released by the respective theater JMRO and/or surgeon or Military Services, for use by the **USCINCTrans**.

3. The United States Transportation Command, with and through its direct reporting unit **ASMRO**, shall have the authority to regulate Uniformed Services patients, in accordance with Pub. L. No. 97-174 (1982), Pub. L. No. 100-180 (1987), the "National Plan," and the MOU (references (b) through (e)) and under the policies of the **ASD(HA)**, for authorizing transfers to the Uniformed Services **MTFs**, and shall coordinate with the VA for treatment of patients in the VA MTFs when required. Those functions are applicable to the transfer of patients to and in the CONUS and shall be performed in peacetime and contingency (both military and civilian) operations.

4. During contingency operations, the ASMRO may be augmented

with active duty representatives from the medical Departments of the Uniformed Services, as requested by the **USCINCTrans** through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) shall:

a. In coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretaries of the Military Departments, and the USCINCTrans, develop medical regulating policies and issue instructions necessary to implement this Directive.

b. Provide policy guidance, planning, and standard resource solutions to be purchased by the users (the Commanders in Chief and the Military Services) for initiatives designed to provide automatic data processing support for patient regulating functions. Those steps shall ensure the compatibility with existing or planned automated medical information systems in the Department of Defense.

2. The Heads of the DoD Components and the Heads of the Uniformed Services shall carry out requirements established under the authority of this Directive.

-- 3. The Heads of the Uniformed Services shall program, budget, and finance all pay, allowances, and permanent change of station costs for the assigned Uniformed Service members.

4. The Commander in Chief, United States Transportation Command, shall:

a. In coordination with the **ASD(HA)**, the Military Services, and the Commanders of the geographic Unified Commands and the supporting Specified Commands, serve as single manager for the implementation of policy and the standardization of procedures and ISS for intertheater medical regulating of Uniformed Services patients. Establish procedures, as necessary, to ensure the efficient intertheater medical regulating of Uniformed Services patients under the policies in section D., above, and in instructions issued by the ASD(HA) under paragraph **E.1.a.**, above, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Military Departments.

b. In coordination with the **ASD(HA)**, establish a global network system to assist in the command and control of **inter-** theater medical regulating and aeromedical evacuation and provide the ability to locate and track Uniformed Services' patients being medically evacuated in both peace and contingency (military and civilian) operations.

c. Exercise authority, direction, and control over the  
ASMRO .

F. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Perry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "W".

William J. Perry  
Deputy Secretary of Defense